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TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 12/9/75

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: JOHN J. MC CRORY
KDFW - TV
DALLAS, TEXAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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On referral from the Director's Office, Deputy Assistant Director Homer A. Boynton talked to John J. McCrory on December 3, 1975. McCrory advised that television station KDFW-TV had received from an anonymous contributor an employment application for Lee Harvey Oswald at the Devilbiss Company, Toledo, Ohio. McCrory indicated that there was something significant about this employment application but he declined to discuss details. He stated that Station KDFW-TV was going to announce on its evening news, 12/3/75, that it had this employment application. McCrory stated that the television station felt that the employment application of Oswald was important because its existence was mentioned nowhere in the Warren Commission report, although the FBI had obtained the application a few days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November, 1963.

The Dallas Office was immediately contacted and subsequently advised that the employment application had been obtained by the Bureau and subsequently included in a report which had been furnished to the Warren Commission. McCrory was immediately advised of the foregoing and he stated that in view of the fact that the information had been furnished to the Warren Commission the television station would not go with the story on its evening news. McCrory stated that he would furnish the FBI with the proposed text of their evening news announcement, as well as a copy of the employment application, both of which are attached hereto.

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RECOMMENDATION

For information.

1 - Mr. Adams
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Eyewitness News has obtained a job application that reveals some activities of Lee Harvey Oswald in the days prior to the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas. The application had not been made public before.

The application was made with a Dallas company a few weeks before the assassination. It is unique in that it apparently is mentioned nowhere in the Warren Commission Report, although the FBI purportedly picked it up from the company a few days after the assassination.

The signature on the application appears similar to Oswald's signature on documents taken from the Warren Commission Report. Channel 4 Eyewitness News authorized a Dallas handwriting expert to compare the signatures, but he was unable to render a conclusive opinion because of the poor quality of the documents. However, present-day employees of the company in question say it is common knowledge among them that Oswald did make the application a few weeks before the assassination.

Eyewitness News obtained the new document from a source who wishes to remain anonymous. There is no startling new information in it, but there are some unusual things about it.

For one, it fails to mention the two Oswald children. Under the category of dependents, Oswald mentioned only his wife Marina.

Oswald also misrepresents his military service, claiming he was in the service from 1959 to 1962. Actually, the Marines discharged him in 1959, and he was in the Soviet Union until 1962.

Oswald's application is also vague about his previous employers. He does mention two, but he omits his whereabouts during the late spring and early summer of 1963.

It was during that time that he lived and worked in New Orleans, where he campaigned for the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." He also traveled to Mexico during that period, ostensibly seeking a visa for a trip to Cuba.

Oswald returned to Dallas in October of 1963, went to work at the Texas Schoolbook Depository on October 16th and according to our source, made this newly-discovered employment application about two weeks before the assassination. The application itself is undated. The company is located in an industrial district -- away from downtown Dallas, but relatively close to the Trade Mart where President Kennedy was to speak during his Dallas visit.

Our source says the name Oswald meant nothing at the time the applciation was made -- only later when he was arrested and named as the assassin. He had been denied the job, the application filed as a matter of

routine and according to our source, forgotten about until after the assassination when FBI agents showed up and asked for the application.

The document apparently was not made public before now and did not turn up in the Warren Commission Report sections on Oswald's biography and employment. The Report does mention several other Oswald attempts to find employment in Dallas, and Marina Oswald's testimony before the Commission was that her husband was looking for another job after he went to work at the Schoolbook Depository.

The Report also contains a Dallas street map taken from Oswald's apartment. A mark had been made on the map in the area of the company in question, and some questions about the mark were put to witnesses before the Commission.

An FBI source says the document was submitted to the Warren Commission during its investigation, but the source says that all documents submitted were not published in the final Warren Commission Report.